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European liquor shops in prohibited areas.

196 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to my question No. 2388 of 28th August 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what European liquor shops are still left in the area in which there is total prohibition of arrack?

A.—Foreign liquor shops are located at Shiyali, Tirutturaipundi, Tenkasi and Devakottai.

Public Health*Health officers working in municipalities.*

197 Q.—Khan Bahadur S. K. ABDUL RAZACK SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of municipal councils which employ Health Officers; and

(b) whether there are any municipalities in which Government health officers are working independently of the Chairman and if so, have the Government received any reports as to the working of this system?

A.—(a) Twenty-six.

(b) No.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

1. With reference to the undertaking given by the hon. the Law Member on 25th January last in the course of the debate on the motion for the adjournment of the business of the House regarding the Cauvery-Mettur Project, the Secretary laid on the table copies of G.O. No. 1974 I.^a (Public Works and Labour Department—Irrigation), dated 16th December 1926, passing orders on the Chief Engineer's report on the recommendations of the Cauvery Committee.

2. With reference to the Legislative Council Resolution passed at its meeting of the 13th December 1921 and G.O. No. 42,^b Finance, dated 11th January 1922, the Secretary laid on the table copies of the list of posts on Rs. 500 per mensem and above created during the quarter ending December 1926.

3. The Secretary laid on the table copies^c of the proceedings of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth meetings of the Finance Committee for 1926-27 held on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th and 27th January 1927, respectively.

4. The Secretary laid on the table copies^d of the statement regarding the action taken by Government on resolutions passed in the Council during the last session.

5. The Secretary laid on the table copies of the progress report^e for the financial year 1925-26 on the Cauvery-Mettur Project.

^a Placed on the Editors' Table.

^b Printed as Appendix III on pages 126-128 infra.

^c Printed separately.

^d Printed as Appendix IV on page 129 infra.

^e Printed as Appendix V on pages 130-140 infra.

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6. The Secretary laid on the table copies of the following Government Orders^a :—

(i) G.O. No. 48, Development, dated 12th January 1927, recording the audit report of the Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor, for the year ending 31st March 1926.

(ii) G.O. No. 49, Development, dated 12th January 1927, recording the audit report of the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, for the quarter ending 30th June 1926.

(iii) G.O. No. 53, Development, dated 15th January 1927, passing orders on the audit report of the Russellkonda Saw Mill for the quarter ending 30th June 1926.

(iv) G.O. No. 112, Development, dated 25th January 1927, recording accounts and audit report of the Government Fisheries Cannery, Chaliyam, for the year ending 31st March 1926.

[Note.—An asterisk * at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

IV

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ I have to announce that the undermentioned Act which was passed by the Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the date noted against it :— 12 noon.

The Madras Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1926 . . . 13th January 1927.”

ELECTION TO THE SENATE OF THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ I have to announce that the undermentioned Members were elected to the Senate of the Andhra University by the non-official Members of the Council resident in the university area :—

M.R.Ry. B. Ramachandra Reddi Ga u.
„ G. Harisarvottama Rao Garu.”

VI

VOTING OF GRANTS—INSTRUCTIONS FOR GIVING NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR REDUCTION OR OMISSION.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Before we proceed to the orders of the day, I should like to call the attention of hon. Members to a few points connected with the voting of grants which will commence on the 15th of this month. Under sub-rule (2) of rule 30 of the Legislative Council Rules, hon. Members will be at liberty, at that stage, to table motions for the reduction of a whole grant or for the omission or reduction of any item in a grant, but not to increase or alter the destination of a grant.

“ Motions for reduction are generally moved for effecting economies or for censuring a Member of the Government or discussing his policy.

“ Motions intended for the latter purpose are generally for token sums. Regarding them, I propose, following the practice of my predecessors in office, to insist on hon. Members mentioning in their notice of such motions, the object for which they are tabled. To prevent competition among hon. Members for precedence in respect of token motions intended for one and the same purpose, I would suggest to hon. Members that such motions may be

^a Placed on the Editors' Table.